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*= less than 0.5 percent
RV=Registered voters
LV=Likely voters

1. Do you think things in the state of Virginia (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

	Right direction	Wrong track	No opinion
5/2/13	52	36	12
5/2/12	49	44	6
5/4/11	52	39	9
8/14/09	47	45	7
10/8/07	52	43	5
10/12/06 LV	67	30	3
10/26/05 LV	70	25	5
9/9/05 RV	65	31	4
8/23/01 RV	59	34	7
8/27/00 RV	71	22	7
6/23/94 RV	53	38	8
2/3/94	55	36	9

2. For each of the following, please tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression. First, (INSERT ITEM).

5/2/13 Summary table

	---- Favorable ----			--- Unfavorable ---			No op.
	NET	Strgly	Smwhat	NET	Smwhat	Strgly	
a. The Democratic Party in your state	51	18	33	42	17	24	8
b. The Republican Party in your state	46	17	29	46	22	24	8
c. The Democratic Party nationally	46	20	27	47	15	32	7
d. The Republican Party nationally	39	11	28	54	22	33	7

Trend:

a. The Democratic Party in your state

----- Favorable -----	----- Unfavorable -----	No
NET Strongly Somewhat	NET Somewhat Strongly	opinion



5/2/13	51	18	33	42	17	24	8
6/3/07	64	16	48	30	20	10	6

b. The Republican Party in your state

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
5/2/13	46	17	29	46	22	24	8
6/3/07	54	12	42	40	24	16	6

c. The Democratic Party nationally

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
5/2/13	46	20	27	47	15	32	7
6/3/07	56	16	40	40	21	19	4

d. The Republican Party nationally

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
5/2/13	39	11	28	54	22	33	7
6/3/07	43	10	33	52	27	26	5

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
5/2/13	51	27	24	46	11	34	3
10/26/12	54	36	19	42	9	33	4
9/16/12	52	31	21	43	9	34	5
5/2/12	53	32	21	44	13	30	3
5/4/11	52	29	23	43	12	31	5
10/25/09 RV	57	37	20	40	12	28	3
10/7/09 RV	58	37	21	39	11	28	3
9/17/09 LV	53	38	15	47	11	36	1
8/14/09 RV	57	39	17	41	11	31	2

4. On another subject, would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	--- Excellent/Good ---			--- Not so good/Poor ---			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
5/2/13	26	1	25	73	38	35	*
5/4/11	11	1	10	89	40	49	*
6/3/07	43	6	37	55	37	18	1

Turning to Virginia,

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling his job as governor?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
5/2/13	62	17	45	25	13	12	12
5/2/13 RV	64	19	44	27	14	13	9

9/16/12	RV	58	24	34	27	13	14	15
5/2/12		56	18	39	35	19	16	8
5/2/12	RV	58	18	40	36	19	16	7
5/4/11		62	21	40	26	13	14	12
5/4/11	RV	64	23	41	26	12	13	11

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ken Cuccinelli is handling his job as attorney general?

		----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
5/2/13		46	12	34	31	11	20	24
5/4/11		46	18	28	27	10	18	27

7. Generally speaking, how would you rate the overall economy of Virginia: excellent, good, not-so-good or poor?

		--- Excellent/Good ---			--- Not so good/Poor ---			No
		NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opin.
5/2/13		61	5	56	38	29	9	1
5/2/13	RV	62	4	58	37	28	9	1
9/9/05	RV	83	12	70	17	14	3	*
10/25/01	LV	76	8	68	23	20	3	1
8/23/01	RV	78	9	69	21	18	4	1
8/27/00	RV	87	21	67	12	10	2	1
10/27/97	LV	83	16	67	16	13	3	1
9/16/97	RV	82	15	68	17	13	4	1

8. How closely are you following this year's governor's race in the state of Virginia: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

		---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No
		NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
5/2/13		48	10	38	52	27	25	*
10/25/09	LV	89	39	50	11	9	2	*
10/7/09	LV	87	33	54	13	11	2	*
9/17/09	LV	84	34	51	15	12	4	*
8/14/09	LV	67	25	42	32	23	9	1
8/14/09	RV	48	17	32	51	30	21	*
10/26/05	LV	87	31	56	13	10	2	*
9/9/05	LV	73	20	53	27	20	7	*
9/9/05	RV	59	15	44	41	26	15	*
8/23/01	RV	60	16	44	39	26	13	1
8/27/00	RV	61	21	40	38	25	13	*
6/23/94	RV	74	27	47	27	18	9	*
2/3/94		73	27	46	27	18	9	*
9/93	RV	68	21	47	31	21	10	*

*2009 and earlier: Would you say you are following this year's governor's race in the state of Virginia very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

9. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Thinking ahead to that election, what is the single most important issue in your choice for governor? (SINGLE RECORD, DO NOT READ)

5/2/13 9/17/09 8/14/09

	RV	LV	RV
Economy/jobs/unemployment	45	27	28
Education	6	10	8
Taxes	4	9	8
Ethics/honesty/ corruption in government	3	4	3
Guns/Gun control	3	1	1
Transportation/traffic/ roads and transit	3	7	7
Health care/Health reform	2	9	8
Political party/party affiliation	2	5	3
Women's issues/Women's health	2	1	0
Abortion	1	2	2
Energy issues/gas prices/cap & trade	1	1	*
Gay marriage	1	*	*
Government/Growth of government/ government spending	1	1	1
Immigration/illegal immigration	1	*	*
Leadership/Get job done	1	NA	NA
Social issues	1	NA	NA
State budget/deficit	1	5	5
Ability to compromise	*	NA	NA
Crime	*	*	*
Environment/global warming	*	1	1
Gas/oil prices	*	0	0
Housing/mortgages/affordable housing	*	*	1
Not Ken Cucinelli	*	NA	NA
Obama/Barack Obama	*	1	*
Terrorism/national security	*	0	0
Other (SPECIFY)	9	3	6
None	NA	*	0
DK/No opinion	12	6	14

10. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the November governor's election: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

		Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op.
5/2/13	RV	67	15	11	6	1	0	*
10/25/09	RV	60	16	13	6	2	1	1
10/7/09	RV	53	20	15	9	3	*	1
9/17/09	RV	53	19	16	9	3		1
8/14/09	RV	61	16	13	7	2		*
9/9/05	RV	68	18	9	4	1		0
10/25/01	RV	63	19	10	5	2		1
8/23/01	RV	68	16	10	5	1		*
8/27/00	RV	76	14	7	2	1		*

11. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) If the election were being held today and the candidates were (Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat) and (Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican), for whom would you vote? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

NET LEANED VOTE:

		McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
5/2/13	RV	41	46	*	6	2	5

5/2/13 LV 41 51 * 4 0 3

12. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Will you definitely vote for (MCAULIFFE/CUCCINELLI), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for (CANDIDATE NOT NAMED)? (IF CHANCE CHANGE MIND) : Would you say (there's a GOOD CHANCE) you'll change your mind, or would you say (it's PRETTY UNLIKELY)?

	Definitely vote for	-Chance change mind - NET	Good	Unlikely	No opinion
McAuliffe:					
5/2/13 RV	63	34	11	23	3
Cuccinelli:					
5/2/13 RV	56	40	17	23	4

13. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (McAuliffe/Cuccinelli), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

	---- Enthusiastic ---			---- Not enthusiastic ---			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
McAuliffe:							
5/2/13 RV	70	16	54	28	19	9	2
Cuccinelli:							
5/2/13 RV	73	15	58	25	19	5	2

14. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) As it stands now, how much do you know about [INSERT NAME] and his qualifications to be governor: Do you know a lot about [INSERT NAME], a fair amount, just a little, or nothing at all?

5/2/13 - summary table

	--- Lot/Fair Amt ---			-----Little/None-----			
	NET	A lot	A fair amount	NET	Just a little	Nothing at all	No opinion
a. McAuliffe	30	6	23	70	36	33	1
b. Cuccinelli	47	12	35	52	29	24	1

Trend for comparison:

Deeds:

	-----Lot/Fair Amt-----			-----Little/None-----			
	NET	A lot	A fair amount	NET	Just a little	Nothing at all	No opin.
10/7/09 LV	67	13	55	32	28	5	*
8/14/09 RV	37	6	31	62	39	23	*

McDonnell:

	-----Lot/Fair Amt-----			-----Little/None-----			
	NET	A lot	A fair amount	NET	Just a little	Nothing at all	No opin.
10/7/09 LV	73	16	56	27	23	4	*
8/14/09 RV	37	7	30	62	38	25	*

15. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS WHO KNOW A LITTLE OR MORE ABOUT CANDIDATE) What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think about what (INSERT) stands for? (Open-end)

a. Terry McAuliffe

	----- 5/2/13 RV -----		
	All	McAuliffe supporters	Cuccinelli supporters
Democrat	8	9	7
Fair/equality	4	8	1
Social issues/ abortion/ women's rights	4	4	3
For the people/Knows what people want	4	6	2
Dishonest/Corrupt	3	0	6
Improving economy/jobs	3	5	2
Friend of Bill/Hillary Clinton	3	2	5
Liberal	3	1	6
Government/ Big Government	3	1	5
Business/Business promoter	2	3	2
Higher taxes/Spending	2	1	3
Progress/Moving things forward	2	4	*
Dislike Democrats	2	*	5
Stands for Himself/Selfish	1	1	1
Moderate	1	1	1
School/Education	1	2	1
Positive/Good	1	2	0
Friend of Obama	1	*	1
Wrong/Mediocrity	1	*	3
Nothing	2	2	4
Other	11	14	8
No opinion	38	35	36

b. Ken Cuccinelli

	----- 5/2/13 RV -----		
	All	McAuliffe supporters	Cuccinelli supporters
Economy/jobs/lower taxes	7	4	10
Conservative	6	4	9
Republican	6	7	6
Honest/Good/Fairness/Values	6	*	10
Ultra conservative/Extreme/Reactionary	5	12	1
Constitution/The law	3	1	5
Dislike him/Dislike policies	3	6	*
Anti-abortion/Abortion	2	3	1
For the people	2	1	4
Dishonest/dysfunctional	2	3	1
Against women/ women's rights	2	5	0
Education/Schools	1	*	*
Defends rights	1	*	1
Anti-Obamacare/Health reform	1	1	2
Strong beliefs/Stands up	1	*	2
Small government/Challenge federal gov't	1	*	2
Nothing	2	2	1
Other	17	22	13
No opinion	32	28	33

16. (AMONG REGISTRED VOTERS) Considering everything, are you satisfied with your choices in the governor's race, or do you wish that someone else was running?

		Satisfied with choices	Wish someone else was running	No opinion
5/2/13	RV	45	40	15
9/28/93	RV	63	34	3

17. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How about if the candidates were (Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat), (Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican), and (Bill Bolling running as an independent) for whom would you vote? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

NET LEANED VOTE:

		McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Bolling	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opin.
5/2/13	RV	34	38	15	*	5	1	6
5/2/13	LV	36	42	13	1	3	*	5

18. Please tell me if the following applies to [ITEM] - He has high personal moral and ethical standards?

5/2/13 - Summary table among all adults

	----- Yes -----			----- No -----			No opinion
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	
a. Terry McAuliffe	44	10	33	12	7	6	44
b. Ken Cuccinelli	50	18	32	18	8	10	32
c. Bob McDonnell	59	24	35	16	9	8	25

5/2/13 - Summary table among registered voters

	----- Yes -----			----- No -----			No opinion
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	
a. Terry McAuliffe	45	11	34	14	8	6	41
b. Ken Cuccinelli	54	20	34	19	8	11	28
c. Bob McDonnell	61	25	36	17	9	8	22

19. If you agreed with a political candidate on other issues, but not on the issue of [ITEM], could you still vote for that candidate, or not?

5/2/13 - Summary table

	Could still vote for	Could NOT still vote for	No opinion
a. gun control	52	43	6
b. abortion	51	44	6

20. Some people think the government in Washington (is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and private businesses). Others disagree and think the government (should do more to solve our country's biggest problems). Which of these two views is closer to your own?

	Washington doing too many things	Gov't should do more to solve probs	No opinion
5/2/13	56	38	6
5/4/11	56	36	8
8/14/09	55	40	5
6/3/07	50	43	5

Questions 21 through 24 held for release.

On another subject,

25. Do you think (new gun control laws always interfere with the right to own guns), or do you think (it's possible to make new gun control laws without interfering with gun rights)?

	Always interfere	Possible to make without interfering	No right to own guns (vol.)	No opinion
5/2/13	34	59	1	6

Compare to National Washington Post-ABC News poll:

	Always interfere	Possible to make without interfering	No right to own guns (vol.)	No opinion
4/14/13 NAT	38	55	1	6

26. Which do you think should be a higher priority right now - (enacting new laws to try to reduce gun violence), or (protecting the right to own guns)?

	Enacting new gun laws	Protecting the right to own guns	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/2/13	53	37	5	2	3

Compare to National Washington Post-ABC News poll:

	Enacting new gun laws	Protecting the right to own guns	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/14/13 NAT	52	40	3	2	3

27. Would you support or oppose a law requiring background checks on people buying guns at gun shows or online?

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/2/13	86	74	12	10	3	7	4

Compare to National Washington Post-ABC News polls:

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
4/14/13 NAT	86	76	10	13	3	9	1

28. Do you or does anyone in your house own a gun, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/2/13	49	50	1
5/2/12	43	56	1
8/23/01	45	55	*

Compare to National Washington Post-ABC News poll:

	Yes	No	No opinion
4/14/13 NAT	43	55	2

29. (IF GUN OWNER IN HOUSEHOLD) Do you personally own a gun or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/2/13	70	30	0

28/29 NET:

	----- Gun owner in HH -----				No gun owner	No
	NET	Personal	Other HH member	DK	in HH	opinion
5/2/13	49	34	15	*	50	1

Compare to National Washington Post-ABC News poll: Do you or does anyone in your house own a gun, or not? (IF GUN OWNER IN HOUSEHOLD) Do you personally own a gun or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
4/14/13 NAT	69	31	1

	----- Gun owner in HH -----				No gun owner	No
	NET	Personal	Other HH member	DK	in HH	opinion
4/14/13 NAT	43	30	13	*	55	2

30. Have you, or any close personal friends or relatives of yours, ever been a victim of a crime involving a gun, or not?

	----- Yes -----						
	NET	Myself	Someone else	Myself and someone else (vol.)	No	Other (vol.)	No op.
5/2/13	27	5	19	2	72	*	1

Compare to National Washington Post-ABC News poll:

	----- Yes -----						
	NET	Myself	Someone else	Myself and someone else (vol.)	No	Other (vol.)	No op.
4/14/13	30	7	21	1	69	*	1

Changing topics,

31. Do you think people should be able to give as many personal gifts as they want to political candidates or officeholders in Virginia, or should there be limits on how much they can give?

	Give as many gifts as they want	Should be limits on gifts	No opinion
5/2/13	20	74	5

32. Do you think elected officials in Virginia should or should not be required to disclose large gifts given to their immediate family members from non-family members?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
5/2/13	73	21	7

33. How closely, if at all, have you been following news about gifts and other political contributions from Star Scientific, a Virginia company, to state lawmakers--very closely, somewhat closely, not-so-closely or not closely at all?

	----- Closely -----			----- Not closely -----			No
	NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
5/2/13	32	9	23	67	23	44	1

34. Would you support or oppose a program giving UNDOCUMENTED immigrants now living in the United States the right to live here LEGALLY if they pay a fine and meet other requirements?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
5/2/13	54	39	7

35. (IF SUPPORT PATH TO LEGAL STATUS) Do you think a law allowing people to apply for citizenship should take effect (only after border control has been improved), or should take effect (without being linked to border control efforts)?

	Only after border control has been improved	Without being linked to border control efforts	No opinion
5/2/13	53	42	5

34/35 NET:

	----- Support path to legal status-----						No
	NET	After border control has been improved	Without being linked to border control efforts	DK	Oppose	op.	
5/2/13	54	29	23	3	39	7	

36. Do you think it should be LEGAL or ILLEGAL for gay and lesbian couples to get married?

	----- Legal -----			----- Illegal -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
5/2/13	56	38	18	34	6	28	9
5/2/13 RV	56	37	19	33	7	27	10
9/16/12 RV	49	33	16	40	8	32	12
5/4/11	47	30	17	43	8	35	11

37. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	----- Legal -----			----- Illegal -----			No
	NET	All cases	Most cases	NET	Most cases	All cases	opinion
5/2/13	55	18	36	42	27	15	4
5/2/13 RV	55	19	36	42	27	14	4
9/16/12 RV	60	29	31	36	24	12	4
5/2/12	59	26	33	38	22	16	3
5/4/11	53	17	36	40	26	14	6
10/7/09 LV	59	24	35	38	27	11	3
9/17/09 LV	58	19	40	39	27	12	3
8/14/09	55	18	37	42	26	16	3
9/21/08 RV	60	22	38	38	25	12	3
6/3/07	55	18	37	40	25	15	4
10/26/05 LV	61	21	39	38	28	10	2
9/9/05 RV	55	21	35	43	28	15	2
10/25/01 LV	57	21	36	39	28	11	4
8/23/01 RV	57	21	37	39	27	12	3

10/26/00	LV	58	18	40	38	27	12	4
8/27/00	RV	57	18	39	38	26	12	5

901. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or what?

		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.
5/2/13		28	26	33	8	4
5/2/13	RV	30	26	33	8	3
5/2/13	LV	30	28	34	8	*
10/26/12		31	23	36	6	3
9/16/12		32	24	35	5	4
5/2/12		31	25	36	5	2
5/4/11		31	22	36	7	4
10/25/09		33	24	34	6	2
10/7/09		33	25	34	6	2
9/17/09		33	25	33	7	2
8/14/09		31	28	37	3	1
10/25/08		35	26	31	6	1
9/21/08		33	24	34	7	2
10/8/07		30	27	38	4	1
6/3/07		34	27	28	4	6
10/12/06	LV	33	32	32	3	*
10/26/05	LV	33	37	26	3	1
9/9/05	RV	32	34	29	4	*
10/25/01	LV	31	37	26	5	1
8/23/01	RV	32	33	29	5	1
10/26/00	LV	33	32	28	6	1
8/27/00	RV	29	34	32	5	1
10/21/97	LV	31	32	31	5	1
9/16/97	RV	28	31	35	4	1
6/23/94		29	29	32	8	2
9/28/93	RV	30	30	35	4	1
11/2/89	LV	33	32	31	3	1

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